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For: MOBILE NODE, MOBILE AGENT AND NETWORK  
SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first line, add the paragraph:

This is a continuation application of US Serial No. 09/649,960 filed August 29, 2000, which is a continuation application of US Serial No. 09/073,857, filed on May 7, 1998, now US Patent No. 6,172,986.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-19 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 20-47 as follows:

20. (New) A communication method executed by a mobile terminal by using an IPv4 and an IPv6, comprising the steps of:

receiving a first IPv4 message on a second network, when said mobile terminal has moved from a first network